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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GEERLINGS ET AL.

Examiner

VERNAL U. BROWN

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 March 2006.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 April 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

The application of Steven Geerlings System and Method for Training a transmitter to control a transmitter to control a remote control system filed 3/21/2006 has been examined. Claims 1-27 are pending.

Specification

This application does not contain an abstract of the disclosure as required by 37 CFR 1.72(b). An abstract on a separate sheet is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Roddy et al. US Patent 6127922.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-7 and 21-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over in view of Roddy et al. US Patent 6127922 in view of Miyake US Patent 5563600.

Regarding claims 1-7 and 21-27, Roddy et al. teaches a method of actuating a remote device, the method comprising:

initiating an operating sequence to actuate the remote device by pressing the switches (col. 1 lines 59-62);

generating a plurality of RF carrier signal, each RF carrier signal is associated with a different remote device (col. 1 line 66-col. 2 line 4);

transmitting the plurality of RF carrier signals to the receiver of the remote device in order to remotely actuate the remote device (col. 2 lines 39-50). It is the examiner's position the codes can only be transmitted sequentially or simultaneously and therefore represent an obvious means of transmitting the control code to the remote devices. Roddy et al. is silent on teaching the carrier signal include variable code. Miyake in an analogous art teaches the use of variable codes (col. 3 lines 36-40).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the system of Roddy et al. as disclosed by Miyake because this improves the security of the system by preventing the unauthorized learning of control code.

Claims 8-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over in view of Roddy et al. US Patent 6127922 in view of Dsai US Patent 6377173 and further in view of Miyake US Patent 5563600.

Regarding claims 8-20, Roddy et al. teaches a method of actuating a remote device, the method comprising:

initiating an operating sequence to actuate the remote device by pressing the switches (col. 1 lines 59-62);

generating a plurality of RF carrier signal, each RF carrier signal is associated with a different remote device (col. 1 line 66-col. 2 line 4);

transmitting the plurality of RF carrier signals to the receiver of the remote device in order to remotely actuate the remote device (col. 2 lines 39-50). It is the examiner's position the codes can only be transmitted sequentially or simultaneously and therefore represent an obvious means of transmitting the control code to the remote devices. Roddy et al. is silent on teaching the carrier signal include variable code and the initiating of the training sequence. Miyake in an analogous art teaches the use of variable codes (col. 3 lines 36-40). Dsai in an analogous art teaches initiating a learning sequence and storing the learnt code in the memory of the transmitter (col. 2 lines 22-44)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the system of Roddy et al. as disclosed by Miyake because this improves the security of the system by preventing the unauthorized learning of control code.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VERNAL U. BROWN whose telephone number is (571)272-3060. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Zimmerman can be reached on 571-272-3059. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Vernal U Brown/
Examiner, Art Unit 2612